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Concerning Mr. Oda

To the Editor:

I am sorry that *United Evangelical Action* in its issue of October 15, 1957 carried an article which reflected adversely on Rev. Kaneo Oda, of Osaka, Japan.

Mr. Oda, who is president of Osaka Christian College and superintendent of the Free Methodist Church in Japan, was chosen as an outstanding evangelical leader to join with fourteen other churchmen to spend four weeks on a goodwill mission to Christians in Red China.

"To open the window" of communication between the church in Japan and the church in China was the expressed purpose of the delegation. Mr. Oda himself having been a missionary to China for six years was anxious to re-establish contact with Christians he had known. He was able to visit the Free Methodist Church in Peking which he had started and found an active, worshipping congregation and many former friends. He also renewed his acquaintance with Chinese pastors in that area.

The route of the delegation followed the main railway from Hong Kong to Peking and included the cities of Tientsin, Tsinan, Nanking, Shanghai and Hangchow—approximately the same route taken by the Australian churchmen on their visit a few months before. They visited three of the six union theological seminaries now in operation and found that certain courses are taken by fundamentalists and others by modernists.

Though there appears to be freedom as guaranteed by Article 88 of the constitution, Mr. Oda reports that Christians may no longer preach or evangelize in schools or hospitals as they formerly had done. These institutions are under complete government control. Many denominations are cooperating in the Three-Self Movement, organized to promote indigeneity. In reporting on the church's attempt to achieve self-administration, self-support and self-propagation, Mr. Oda observes, "They seem to forget or discount the love and achievements of many missionaries of the past, which is the great churches, cathedrals, schools, universities and hospitals . . . . The present leaders and older Christians are the products of these missionaries."

In his report Mr. Oda also corrects a misquote made by the *Asahi Evening News* soon after the delegation's return to Japan in which a reporter had written that he had recommended that Japan "throw out missionaries" as China had done. The *News* also printed the correction in which Mr. Oda declares, "I did not recommend the ousting of foreign missionaries in Japan as is being done in Communist China today for the so-called 'protection of religious freedom.' There certainly is no need to expel foreign missionaries from Japan—particularly as regards my order, the Japan Free Methodist Church—since we already enjoy complete religious freedom." This and other misquotes are apparently credited to Mr. Oda because he served as interpreter for the delegation.

In reply to charges made arising from such erroneous reports, Mr. Oda declares, "I am not brainwashed or Communist or pink. I am a Free Methodist who loves America and American missionaries as well as China and Chinese missionaries."

BYRON S. LAMSON

Winona Lake, Ind.

FRONT PAGE.—During the pre-Easter season thousands of teen-age youth in Protestant churches throughout America are completing courses in Bible doctrine preparatory to being confirmed or received into church membership. *—Harold M. Lambert Photo.*

Capturing a Recession

To the Editor:

A recession, with "layoffs," "unemployment" and all the other unpleasant words that go with it, can be a "harvest time" for the church with an alert pastor and people!

No one wants a "depression" or "recession," as we may choose to call it, with its many problems and suffering. Yet, it is the church's "golden opportunity"! It is "the hour" in which to "capture" the situation and make use of it for God! It can be turned from a time of "apparent defeat" to a "major victory"! The dark clouds" of despair will yield "showers of blessings" if rightly approached, and here's how:

Christian men who lose their jobs will eventually find time "weighing heavily," and need guidance to escape from the "idleness boredom" with its mental and spiritual dangers. The pastor should "put them to work" at a study course, or provide good books, or get them to "catch up" on their Bible reading. He can encourage them to utilize part of their time in a prayer ministry which will be both edifying and effective to themselves and those for whom they pray! This course of action if followed will serve three purposes: It will keep them from the deteriorating effects of idleness. It will absorb their time and mind beneficially for themselves and the church. Finally, it will leave its impact on the society that needs to be reached for Christ.

This brings up the possibility of a visitation program that is often hindered by "working hours" or the lack of time. Pastors may find an "army" of Christian people to press into service. All they need is "a plan," procedure and prospects. Christians should be quick to capitalize on a "recession" and capture the opportunity!

In the matter of calling and visitation, other unemployed can be found at home more readily and often in a more receptive state and ready to listen to things having a spiritual slant. Earthly props gone, and "time to think," along with world conditions which they have time to ponder, "ripens the harvest"! Communism capitalizes on situations of "change" and "unrest"; knowing that this is the time to work. Let the church "wake up" and "reap for Christ"! The "harvest" is ready! Are we? Let us send in workers "while it is day"! It's a challenge!

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1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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IF WE ELECT A ROMAN CATHOLIC AS PRESIDENT

By DON HILLIS

OUR POLITICAL pundits are already predicting the possibility that Senator John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.) may receive the Democratic Party's Presidential nomination in 1960. The *Christian Herald* says that, "It is becoming more obvious as the months go by that Senator Kennedy is a likely candidate for the Presidency." The Gallup Poll indicates that Mr. Kennedy now holds a sizeable lead in the race. Senator Kennedy came within a hair's breadth of receiving the Vice-Presidential nomination in 1956. This, in spite of the fact that no Vice President is ever farther than a heart beat from the Presidency. When asked if a Roman Catholic could become the President of the United States, Mr. Kennedy's answer was, "Yes."

This strong Roman Catholic Senator recently "fathered" an immigration bill which opens the way for southern Europeans (Roman Catholics) to fill the unused immigration quotas of northern Europeans (Protestants). For this, he has received the high praises of the Catholic hierarchy.

Should Mr. Kennedy become the President of the United States, the headlines of newspapers all over this great democratic country would read:

Vatican City: "Roman Catholic Hierarchy Jubilant over Kennedy's Victory."

Rome: "Pope Pius XII Wires Felicitations."

New York City: "Cardinal Spellman Says, 'Rome's Greatest Triumph in 300 years.' "

Washington, D. C.: "Bishop Sheen to Share in Inaugural Honors."

Rome's Church-State

To those whose eyes are open to the history, practice and teachings of Romanism, the headlines above lucidly portray the "beginning of the end" to a hundred and one liberties which are enjoyed in Protestant countries. Witness the conditions of Spain's 20,000 Protestants. George Washington once said, "If the United States ever loses her liberty, it will be through the Romanist Priesthood."

The far-reaching religious freedom which is now enjoyed by minority as well as majority religious groups in the United States stems from our Constitutional principle of the separation of Church and State. Rome accepts the tenets of separation of Church and State only when and where it is to her advantage to do so. Rome does not believe in a State-church, such as the Lutheran Church in Denmark. The one and only political doctrine acceptable to the Vatican is a Church-state, i.e., one in which the State is subservient to the Church, again exemplified in Spain. The Catholic bishops of USA declare openly that, "separation of Church and State has become the shibboleth of doctrinaire secularism."

In Rome's eyes the Church is more noble than the State and therefore the State is bound to further the ends of the Church and to refrain from interfering with the Church's authority. According to her concepts she has the absolute right, independently of the State, to those material and temporal things which are necessary to her spiritual ends. In the case of any conflicts over those rights, the Church must prevail. The Pope's sovereignty far outreaches that of any temporal ruler. His is a non-territorial sovereignty which holds sway over Roman Catholics in every country in which they live.

Mr. C. Stanley Lowell says, "Roman Catholicism in the United States has come a long way in a century and a half. At first as a feeble minority it accepted Church-state separation. It intimidates Congress, censors and silences opposition, collects vast sums from the public treasury and drives toward official recognition and establishment. If the Protestants do not unite in determined opposition, this drive will, in another decade, see the end of Church-state separation here. We shall have, to all practical effect, a religious establishment in a country whose Constitution forbids it."

Roman Catholic Law Puts Church above State

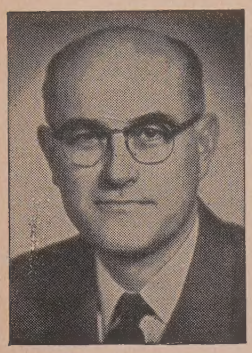
POPE BONIFACE VIII in 1302, in Bull, "Unum Sanctum," made it clear that the Church has ultimate authority in both temporal and spiritual realms and that Roman Catholics are responsible to the Church above the State. The Bull was addressed especially to Roman Catholic rulers.

In 1885 Pope Leo XIII, in his Encyclical Letter, "Immortale Dei," reaffirmed "whatever the Roman pontiffs have hereto taught" which would include Bull Unum Sanctum. It should be further noted that this Encyclical contains a restatement of the doctrine of the "harmony between church and state." (See pages 112, 114, 115, 129, 130 and 85 of the *Great Encyclical Letters.*)

Dr. Sebastian Smith, eminent Roman Catholic authority on Canon Law, states the claims of the papacy over civil government in his three-volume work on ecclesiastical law. He deals particularly with Section 481 and 482 of the Canon Law on page 227 of volume I.

The Honorable William E. Gladstone, Premier of Great Britain, wrote an important treatise entitled *The Vatican Decrees and Their Bearing on Civil Allegiance.* On pages 28 and 29 of the work he deals specifically with claims of the papacy over civil government based on Canon Law. Mr. Paul Blanshard in his authoritative work, *American Freedom and Catholic Power* (Beacon Press) gives valuable current data in the chapter entitled, "Church, State and Democracy."

Presidential Invitation



Dr. Petticord

I WANT TO EXTEND a cordial invitation to you to attend the sixteenth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals which will be held at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, April 14-18. It is called the evangelical convention of conventions because of its representative character. The conclave will feature the coming together of evangelical leaders of America under the theme: "Christ in You, the Hope of Glory."

The convention will begin Monday night and close Friday noon, and will be preceded by a number of important business sessions of the affiliates of the National Association of Evangelicals.

During the convention many aspects of Christian activity will be considered. Reports will be given on missions, evangelism, Sunday school, youth work, religious broadcasting, women's activities, chaplaincy and other phases of evangelical endeavor. Daily devotional services are planned. Included in the schedule is the regular annual business session of the NAE. Dr. George Ford, the Executive Director, will report progress of the work of the past year and will then project the suggested advances for the new year. Featured speakers will be Dr. Billy Graham, Dr. Armin Gesswein, Dr. Robert G. Lee, Dr. J. Wilbur Smith, Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, and Mrs. Ethel Barrett. Outstanding laymen will speak at each noon luncheon meeting.

The National Association of Evangelicals was organized in 1942 to serve all Bible-believing Christians on the inter-denominational level. It provides the means of cooperation for 41 denominations and associations, as well as for many individual churches, Bible schools, colleges, seminaries, ministerial fellowships, and evangelistic organizations. The actual membership of the NAE now numbers more than ten million.

The NAE is not another denomination or church but is a voluntary association, a fellowship. Through the headquarters office in Wheaton, Illinois, the office of public affairs in Washington, D. C., the publications office in Cincinnati, Ohio and seven regional offices, essential services are provided for the expression of evangelical cooperation.

Representatives from churches, denominations, associations and other organizations associated with the NAE will be present at the convention. All evangelicals are encouraged not only to be properly represented by elected delegates, but also to enlist interested persons to attend and receive vital information and inspiration essential to the stimulation of the evangelical movement at the grass roots. In these serious days, politically and religiously, the evangelical witness must be positive, helpful, and strong. You can help to make it more effective by actively participating in this convention.

PAUL P. PETTICORD
President, National Association of Evangelicals

Though it is evident beyond question that the Roman Catholic church is a powerful political system which is determined to subjugate the world to her temporal powers, yet she is essentially a religious organization. Should Rome obtain the political and temporal ascendancy in the United States for which she is striving incessantly, our hard-won religious freedom would come to an end. The eminent French Marquis de Lafayette once said, "You have a great nation, but beware of the Roman clergy. If the liberties of the American people are ever destroyed, it will be by the power of the Roman clergy."

The Roman Catholic view of religious liberty is expressed in these words: "It is the inalienable right of all men to worship God according to the teaching of the Catholic Church." This is a far cry from the guarantees of our American Constitution which grant to men the privilege of choosing their faith and their form of worship. According to Romanism, no State can justifiably prevent the right to worship God according to the teaching of the Catholic Church. The State, furthermore, "has the duty to foster this true worship—to which all are commanded to submit."

This is simply the Catholic way of saying that you as a Protestant are a heretic and that America is following the path of heresy from which it needs to be converted. It is therefore the clear duty of every true Catholic to share in the conversion of this country to Romanism, by any and all means, be they foul or fair. A calculated consideration of this matter leads one to ask the question, "Is it possible for one to be a sincere and honest Catholic and also a true American?" Samuel F. B. Morse has said, "The Papacy is a political system, despotic in its organization, anti-Democratic and anti-Republican, and cannot therefore exist with American Republicanism."

That Rome is using every form of lobbying and of pressure in the fields of politics, education, labor and industry to bring this about is evident. The repeated attempt to get the United States to have a representative in the Vatican is but one of the proofs of this fact. The newspapers, magazines, movies, radio and television, are all capitalized on to the largest extent. No cost seems to be too great. In the light of the fact that Pope Pius XII receives a reported 71 per cent of the Vatican's income from the USA, it appears reasonable that he feels that he can well spend a large percentage of that income to convert America to Romanism. Our postmen are delivering 21,000,000 copies of Roman Catholic magazines and newspapers every month into homes all across this continent. Rome is determined to place one of her more than 600 monthly publications in every home in the United States.

This I Will Do

Luther W. Martin says that Romanism is "—democracy's enemy and Communism's prototype." If the United States is to escape the bondage of Catholicism, then every true Christian must put up a strong defense and a forthright offense. For a defense we suggest the following:

1. A study of the "mother of harlots" as pictured in Revelation, Chapters 17 and 18.

2. The reading of such books as Fox's *Book of Martyrs, The Monk Who Lived Again* by B. H. Pearson, *Behind the Purple Curtain* by W. M. Montano, *Fifty Years in the Church of Rome* by Father Chiniquy, *Out of the Labyrinth* by L. H. Lehmann, *American Freedom and Catholic Power* by Paul Blanshard.

Since the best defense is a strong offense, you owe it to yourself to:

1. Pray and work for the conversion of Roman Catholics.

2. Keep posted on Catholic political, social and educational maneuvers, both national and international. This you can do through such magazines as *The Converted Catholic* and *United Evangelical Action,* or through the releases of Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.

3. Raise your voice through your vote against Roman Catholicism's endeavor to seek power through political office.

Action Editorial

James DeForest Murch

Exemplifying Christ

▪ WE HEAR MUCH in these Lenten days about fasting and other denials of the flesh. All too many evangelicals are inclined to criticize the penitential rituals involved and to overlook the values of crucifying the flesh and exemplifying Christ.

The Apostle Paul was an ardent advocate of spiritual exercises to gain the victory over the outer man. He linked the flesh with the world and the devil. That sinister trinity in its full flower produced "adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelling and such like." And the writer of the epistles added, "They which do such things cannot enter the kingdom of God."

The chief trouble with our modern world is *too much flesh!* The magazines, the movies and the television cater to the lust of the eye. The schools teach that man is an animal with a beast ancestry and that his feelings and actions are the result of glandular activity. Billions are spent on the gratification of fleshly desires. Every conceivable device is invented to minister to our bodily comfort. Day by day in every way the flesh dominates and motivates the modern man.

We need to cry out in the words of the Apostle, "O wretched man that I am. Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" and realize the answer, "They that are in the flesh cannot please God . . . But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Jesus from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

"Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

Before we criticize others for their peculiar acts of self-denial during Lent, let us ask ourselves whether we can measure up to Paul's standard. If Christians could thus exemplify Christ their lives would be changed and transformed and the world would again marvel at the strangely superior character of His followers.

A Light That Failed

▪ CHARLES B. TEMPLETON was a brilliant contemporary of Billy Graham in the early days of the Youth for Christ movement and the renascence of mass evangelism in America. In those days he was a zealous Nazarene. Now a great change has come over "Chuck." It began when Dr. E. G. Homrighausen and Dr. J. A. Mackay of Princeton decided to polish him up and give the Presbyterian Church a dignified shot of evangelism.

Now "Dr. Templeton" pontificates over what he conceives to be the corpse of old-fashioned evangelism in a recent book, *Evangelism for Tomorrow* (Harper).

The "new evangelism" he sponsors has Harry Emerson Fosdick as its idol. Says Templeton, "A strong case could be made for the assertion that the greatest evangelist of the past generation was Harry Emerson Fosdick . . . . There was an unmistakable evangelistic note at the heart of Fosdick's sermons and real evangelistic passion. It may be that, though anything but typical of his predecesors, he will be seen to have been the outstanding evangelist of his day." The author then disposes of Billy Graham by saying that "Graham has a deficient understanding of the nature of sin, a strong tendency to present conversion as a transaction, a tendency to ally God with America in a common opposition of Communism, and a rather naive conviction that revival will resolve the world's great issues." By inference he accuses Graham of making the Bible "a paper Pope."

Templeton seems to ally his evangelism with the "social gospel." He maintains that "the goal of evangelism is not to make converts; it is to produce mature Christians," failing to differentiate between the functions of evangelism and educational nurture, both of which are the responsibilities of the church. He inveighs against the evangelist who calls sinners to repentance and salvation through the atoning blood of Christ but who fails to deal *in extenso* with racial discrimination, economic injustice, commercial exploitation and other current concerns of social gospel pundits. There is much more that could be said about Templeton's "new evangelism." For instance, his emphasis on institutional evangelism which posits the church as a "redeeming fellowship" and a "saving society." But we have little time or patience for the opinions of one who has allowed God's call to biblical evangelism to be smothered in neo-orthdox vagaries and whose ministry has shriveled into a mere shadow of its former effectiveness. Were the Church to follow his advice its flame of evangelism would go out.

Possibly the Lord has given the Church a Templeton as an example to other evangelists who might forget their call and their distinctive ministry.

Love And Law

▪ EVANGELICALS are concerned with the social order and appreciate the relevancy of Christ to social problems. Their biblical theology, however, causes them to give a somewhat different answer from the one that liberals give to these problems in our day.

We want strongly to commend Dr. Harold John Ockenga for incisive remarks along this line which he made in a recent address at the Appalachian Preaching Mission. Said Dr. Ockenga:

"Something is happening to American Society which cries for a new infusion of moral fiber into the people. There is a need to return to the concept of law, of justice, of holiness, and of punishment."

Declaring that Christ is relevant to this situation, he explained that Christianity has been misunderstood by being presented as "only brotherly love, human welfare, and social justice. Brotherly love can never be divorced from righteousness in social relations."

"We must recognize that the basis of stable societal relations is the Law of God. Its 'Thou shalt nots' are applicable to the State as well as to the individual. Human relations in the Divine Order must be governed by the Ten Commandments. Whatever is contrary to them is false and ultimately fatal."

He criticized much evangelism for its incomplete view of ethics and stated that "evangelism cannot be separated from ethical theory. The most important division of ethics

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Bomb Tagged for Missionary

While Catholic officials in the United States attempt to whitewash the religious persecution in Colombia, the harassment of evangelical missionaries continues. The latest incident, on February 9, involved a homemade bomb which exploded only a few feet from Miss Janette Troyer, a missionary under the Gospel Missionary Union. It was thrown into the bedroom where Miss Troyer and two other women were asleep.

The incident was the result of the actions of Father Ramon Hoyos, the Catholic priest at Supia, in Caldas province. Through the public address system of the Catholic Church the priest denounced the evangelical missionary and incited fanatics against her. Threats followed.

Although the bomb caused considerable damage to the house, none of the women suffered injuries.

After the incident there were reports by the townspeople that the priest had suggested further action against the missionary from the Catholic pulpit.

"Sickness in Society"

An analysis of obscene bookstand publications has been published by the Methodist Board of Temperance. The study, under the title "A Sickness in Society," was made by the Rev. Ralph A. Cannon, Chairman of the Research Committee of the Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications. He is also pastor of the St. James Methodist Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Dr. Cannon divides the problematical publications into eleven categories. All of the publications exploit sex for monetary gain.

He describes the present situation in America as the result of "a revolt against Victorian prudery and narrow-mindedness."

"Only the Christian faith can lead society out of a repressed past into a real freedom which is based on responsibility," Cannon says. "We believe in God as our Creator, who looked upon all that He had made and saw that it was good. This belief is the only sound basis for an understanding of sex as good and wholesome."

The study is available from the Methodist Board of Temperance, 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D. C., at twenty-five cents per copy.

Others Concerned

Anxiety about the proportions of pornography is snowballing. The U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce met in Tulsa, Oklahoma in February and passed a resolution urging its local groups to study the problems. It also suggested that they "take positive and constructive steps to bring about their solutions."

At the same time the JC's commended the publishers and distributors "who are trying to clean up their industry." The resolution, along with other JC actions, was sent immediately to Vice-President Nixon (who got his political start in the Junior Chamber of Commerce) and was printed in the *Congressional Record.*

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Meanwhile the newspapers are beginning to sound off, not only in editorials but in assigned articles on various aspects of their local problems.

The International Society of Christian Endeavor recently announced that it is devoting part of its 1958 Citizenship Crusade to mobilize support for measures against pornography.

The National Council of Catholic Men recently testified in a Congressional hearing, urging quick action against "these supersalesmen in obscenity."

And there are many others. But the problem is not licked by statements. The size of the traffic in lewd publications indicates that the vested interests will make a last ditch stand. The Post Office Department estimates conservatively that 50 million advertisements of obscene materials pass through the mails annually. As a result the Department gets more than 50,000 complaints from parents and other conscientious citizens.

Nor is national legislation the major answer. Federal action is necessarily limited to certain aspects of the problem where mails and interstate shipments are involved.

The biggest part of the problem can be solved only when there is coordination at the local level. Local efforts have been demonstrated very effectively in such areas as Coral Gables, Florida; Elgin, Illinois; Springfield, Missouri; and many others.

Prayer for Spain

Evangelical churches in Spain set aside Sunday, March 2, as a "day of special intercession." In addition to freedom of worship, Spanish evangelicals are praying for an early solution to the marriage problem. Marriage outside the Catholic Church is not permitted to anyone who has been baptized in the Catholic faith. Since the majority of Spanish evangelicals were formerly Roman Catholics, the situation adds up to a strangle hold on the evangelical community.

In 1956 hopes were aroused that the situation might be solved. At that time General Franco issued a decree allowing civil marriage for those who could prove they no longer professed Catholicism. The problem now is that local judges demand "impossible proofs" of what they term "apostasy."

Legal proceedings in various areas have been subjected to long delays. Eleven cases referred to the Ministry of Justice were denied on the grounds that "the non-Catholicity of the parties was not sufficiently proved."

New Temperance Agency

A group of denominational and interchurch representatives met in Washington on February 7 to organize the Interdenominational Committee on Alcohol Problems. The committee approved a constitution calling for "coordination of effort in dealing with national and international temperance issues."

At the organizational meeting were representatives of 14 church groups. Dr. George L. Ford represented the National Association of Evangelicals, along with Donald H. Gill of NAE's Washington office.

Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, was named president of the committee. Other officers include vice-president, Dr. A. C. Miller, Southern Baptist convention; secretary, the Rev. James Renz, Church of the Brethren and treasurer, Donald H. Gill of NAE.

Hooton said some 40 denominations have expressed interest in becoming members of ICAP, which would help the churches in emphasizing mutual concerns about the problems of alcohol. Three immediate activities were cited: (1) the developing of a common language and technique for sound alcohol education, (2) the preparation of statements of agreement on legislation needed to control alcohol distribution and sale, and (3) the sponsoring of a "citizenship convocation" in Washington, D. C. for representatives of all churches interested in solving alcohol problems.

Committee members heard the Rev. John Linton of Toronto, Canada charge the U. S. as beaming their alcohol propaganda into Canadian cities. He said, "Years ago the bootlegger carried his contraband across the border from Canada into the U. S. to make your laws a laughing stock. Today the so-called legitimate trade is sending their contraband, in words and pictures, across the border into Canada, not simply to be sold in dives and speakeasies, but into the living-rooms of our homes."

Editorial

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is Economics, where the great battles of practical import in our day are being fought. Individualism and Collectivism contend in this arena of Economics. Yet most evangelists, preachers, and religious teachers are lacking in their knowledge of economics."

This clerical unawareness, Dr. Ockenga asserted, has led them to "misapply the New Testament teaching of neighborly love. Under the guise of Christianity, mistaken though well-intentioned religious leaders have advanced the cause of Collectivism. Coercion in the name of Christian love is condoned in numerous Socialistic schemes, which soften society for Marxism.

"Christ interpreted the Law as love. Love fulfills the Law. But love does not require the coddling of hoodlums, delinquents, goons, thugs, and miscreants. Love requires the application of the Law."

Evangelical Newsfront

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Announce Position On Graham Crusade

CHICAGO—Dr. Charles Joseph Anderson, executive director of the Midwest Region of the National Association of Evangelicals serving the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Southern and Eastern Wisconsin, has released the following official statement of the Midwest Regional NAE Board concerning the proposed cooperative invitation to Dr. Billy Graham for a Chicagoland crusade:

On evaluation of the indications of the poll now in progress by the Midwest Region of the National Association of Evangelicals serving the constituency of forty-one denominations and in addition many individual member-churches in this four state area in regard to a cooperative approach to a Billy Graham Crusade in the Midwest Region and in Chicago in particular, and in the complete absence of any negative vote or indication of such vote by a member denomination of NAE; and in view of the past general support by the NAE constituency and related organizations of the Billy Graham Crusades both in the United States and elsewhere, the following statement expresses the official position of the Midwest Regional Board of the NAE, and insofar as expressed thus far or anticipated the position of the constituency of the National Association of Evangelicals and its affiliate denominations and churches in the Midwest area.

(1) We reaffirm our prayerful support of the person, the message, and the ministry of Dr. Billy Graham. We further express our appreciation of his presence and counsel at our 1957 convention in Buffalo, New York and our appreciation of his acceptance of the invitation of our national leaders to address a luncheon session of our 1958 convention in Chicago in April.

(2) We call upon our constituency to support the formation of a Graham Crusade Committee in Chicago, and wherever else in the Midwest Region such crusades may be envisioned—on the basis of including on such committees all those of good will who are unreservedly willing to support—

a. Dr. Billy Graham personally, b. The messages which he preaches, c. The method of evangelism which he practices, and d. The members of the team whom Dr. Graham shall choose to effectively conduct such a Crusade or Crusades.

(3) We accept as self evident the principle that such a Crusade is not designed for the primary benefit of any one organization or group of organizations nor any one church or association of churches, nor should be dominated or controlled by any single such unit but should envision a truly unselfish and cooperative effort with the ultimate end in view of—(1) The Salvation of the lost, and the acceptance of Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and Lord as the sole scriptural basis for such an experience. (2) The reclamation of lives into meaningful Christian Citizenship. (3) The integration of such lives into the Christian Community.

Dr. Anderson stated that in addition to the denominations and churches which are constituently members of the NAE an unsolicited letter of endorsement had been received from the executive committee of the Great Lakes Baptist Association of the Southern Baptist Convention favoring the Crusade plan in Chicago and that other such letters are anticipated from other denominations unaffiliated with interchurch organizations but friendly to the NAE approach.

Dr. Anderson also stated that Dr. Alan Redpath, pastor of Moody Memorial church who was unable to attend the Board meeting because of illness, and Dr. Elmer Palmer, pastor of Judson Baptist church and president of the Evangelical Ministers Association of Chicago, have given unqualified endorsement of the wording and intent of the official announcement of the NAE Regional Board and official endorsement was also obtained from Dr. George L. Ford, National NAE Executice Director.

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International Christian Leadership Holds Meet

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Judge Boyd Leedom, chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, was re-elected president of International Christian Leadership, as that organization completed its annual three-day meeting here.

The ICL is the American branch of the International Council for Christian Leadership which conducts prayer breakfast and luncheon groups for Christian businessmen and government leaders throughout the world.

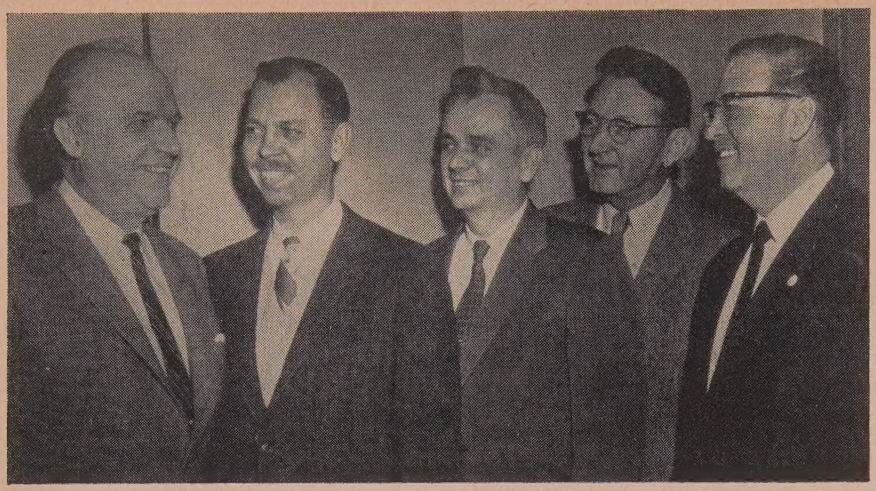
Judge Leedom became active in the movement when he was chief justice of the South Dakota Supreme Court and has been a leader in one of the Washington groups.

Elected vice-presidents were Undersecretary of Commerce Walter Williams; John C. Broger, deputy director of the Office of Information and Education, Department of Defense; and L. Melvin Nelson, Evanston, Ill., businessman.

James F. Bell, Washington, D. C., attorney, was elected secretary and Justin Williams, chief of the Korean Division of the International Cooperation Administration, was named treasurer. Richard C. Halverson of Washington remains as associate executive director.

CHURCHMEN TO FIGHT LIQUOR MENACE

Standing, from left to right, are the officers of the newly formed Interdenominational Committee on Alcohol Problems: Secretary, Dr. James Renz, Church of the Brethren; Vice President, Dr. A. C. Miller, Southern Baptist Convention; President, Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, Methodist Church; Treasurer, Rev. Donald H. Gill, National Association of Evangelicals. Seated from left to right are the three other members of the Executive Committee: Rev. L. D. Dellinger, Church of the United Brethren in Christ; Dr. Howard Maxwell, United Presbyterian Church; Dr. W. A. Scharffenberg, General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists. (See page 6.)



OFFICERS OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP GROUP

Judge Boyd Leedom, chairman of the National Labor Relations Board (left), was re-elected president of International Christian Leadership at its annual meeting in Washington, D. C. (*Action*, March 1). Shown with him are other officers of the group. From second left to right are: John C. Broger, head of public information, Department of Defense, a vice-president; James F. Bell, an attorney, secretary; Justin Williams of the International Cooperation Administration, treasurer; and Richard C. Halverson, associate executive director.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, pinchhitting for President Eisenhower, told ICL's sixth annual national prayer breakfast that Amercans need to make the same dedication to Christianity Russians have to Communism.

Mr. Eisenhower was unable because of illness to attend the breakfast with members of the House and Senate prayer breakfast groups and leaders of prayer breakfast groups from more than a score of foreign countries.

The Vice-President told more than 600 guests at the breakfast that "Communists are willing to make any sacrifice to gain their ends." Americans must have the "same dedication" if they are to provide the leadership the free world needs today, he declared.

Charles E. Wilson, of Schenectady, N. Y., former president of the General Electric Corporation, and now director of President Eisenhower's "People-To-People" program in another address at the breakfast said, "the world has become one great neighborhood with one great purpose—survival."

The "People-To-People" program can contribute to world peace, Mr. Wilson said, by permitting "men of good will meeting under non-governmental auspices to engage in frank and full discussions as to how mankind may find a "safe conduct pass" into the new and unexplored world opened by the unlocking of the atom and the piercing of outer space.

Sen. Frank Carlson (R.-Kans.), who presided at the breakfast, said that "practical problems of today can be solved only by practical Christianity."

"Christian leadership training" will be the ICL's "priority objective" for 1958, Dr. Abraham Vereide, founder and executive director of the prayer movement, announced.

Government Officials Attend Romanist Mass

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Chief Justice Earl Warren and five Associate Justices of the United States Supreme Court were among a large congregation of jurists, lawmakers, and public officials attending the annual "Red Mass" at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Cathedral here.

Speaker Sam Rayburn (D.-Tex.) and Minority Leader William F. Knowland (R.-Calif.) led a delegation of members of Congress at the annual service to invoke God's blessing and guidance in the administration of justice.

Associate Justices William O. Douglas, Charles Evans Whitaker, John Marshall Harlan, Tom C. Clark and William J. Brennan, Jr., were in attendance, as were many judges from other federal courts in Washington.

The Mass, which derives its name from the red vestments worn by the officiating clergy, was sponsored by the John Carroll Society, an organization of Catholic professional and business men. It preserves in the USA the principle of church concern for government.

Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle officiated at the Solemn Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit. Auxiliary Bishop Philip M. Hannan of Washington read the prayer for the civil authorities composed by Archbishop John Carroll, first American member of the Catholic hierarchy.

The worshippers heard Rev. Jerome T. Tinnelly, dean of St. John's University Law School, Brooklyn, N. Y., call for more attention to religious education of America's youth.

POAU Official Scores Subsidies to Church

ATLANTA, Ga.—(RNS)—America's greatest domestic issue today is not racial integration in schools, but "public subsidies to the church," an official of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State said here.

Rev. C. Stanley Lowell of Washington, D. C., associate director, attacked "current nationwide demands for federal and state subsidy to parochial schools." He charged that "one group of denominational leaders" were demanding that "citizens of all faiths and none shall be taxed to support their Church."

Mr. Lowell addressed the 10th annual national conference of POAU. Other speakers included retired Methodist Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. Glenn L. Archer of Washington, POAU executive director; and Paul Blanshard, POAU special counsel.

"Are we angry with Roman Catholic leaders because we oppose their unconstitutional demands?" Mr. Lowell said. "Is a businessman considered a bigot if he refuses to pay his competitor's overhead? Of course not."

"All of us attend our own churches and voluntarily pay for their support," he declared. "We want our Roman Catholic brethren to do the same. We pledge we will not try to get government to tax them for our church schools. We ask that they make the same pledge to us . . . This is not bigotry. It is fair play."

Bishop Holt told the delegates that the "greatest enemies of our American way of life are those who refuse to support a great movement of moral and spiritual idealism which is the only thing that can defeat Communism."

He said major Christian groups "have entirely different programs in the promotion of unity and fellowship among Americans."

"The genius of Protestantism is most nearly the genius of this democratic nation," the bishop declared. "The genius of Roman Catholicism suggests totalitarianism and a government of absolute control and that of the Orthodox Church, a kind of spiritual supremacy over national churches."

"It is true that Protestants have sometimes sought to create a kind of church-state, as in the plan of John Calvin," Bishop Holt said, "but their general and almost unanimous emphasis is on a separation of Church and State."

Scripture Reading In House Sessions

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—The House of Representatives is now opening its session each day with a brief reading from Scripture.

Dr. Bernard Braskamp, chaplain of the House, has re-instituted an old practice followed by one of his predecessors, the Rev. Edward Everett Hale, by prefacing his opening prayer with a reading from Scripture.

Dr. Hale, who is better known as author of "The Man Without a Country" and other books, than as Chaplain of the House, although he served in that capacity for many years, used to read a verse of Scripture before starting his prayer.

Reaction by the members of Congress has been so favorable that Dr. Braskamp intends to continue the practice of the daily Scripture reading, which is usually just one verse, followed immediately by the prayer.

Jews Move to Kill Christmas Programs

ROSS, Calif.—The Ross school board has asked the state attorney general's office to rule on the use in public schools of Christmas programs that have as their theme the birth of Christ.

The school board acted following a

protest from a Jewish mother about a play held at Ross grammar school during the Christmas season.

Mrs. Ann Diamond, an attorney, said two of her five children in the school participated in the play based on the Nativity. The others were in the audience, she said. "The religion it reflected was not the religion of my children," Mrs. Diamond said. "It confused them and they brought the confusion to my home." Her husband, Dr. Bernard Diamond, is a San Francisco psychiatrist. They have six children in all. Other Jews in the community are concerned in the protest.

The five-member school board asked the attorney general to rule on whether the play violated the constitutional separation of Church and State. Mrs. Diamond said that as an attorney she believes it did violate those principles.

denominations

Nazarenes Planning Pilgrimage to Texas

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Members and friends of the Church of the Nazarene, celebrating the denomination's golden anniversary this year, are making plans for a pilgrimage to Pilot Point, Texas, where a significant and joyous event will take place on October 13.

It was at Pilot Point the Church of the Nazarene was "born," on October 13, 1908, and in memory of that occasion an appropriate monument will be unveiled on the anniversary date.

The Church of the Nazarene is believed to be the only religious denomination that claims Texas as its birth place.

The church has grown from an original group of 228 churches with 10,414 members to more than 4,500 churches with 292,000 members, and 390 missionaries working in 35 world areas.

The common bond that drew together churches from the East, West and South was belief in the Wesleyan doctrine of entire sanctification, or heart purity.

Two Million Members In Christian Churches

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — There are nearly two million members of Christian Churches (Disciples) in the United States and Canada, according to the just-published *1957 Year Book*.

The new *Year Book* lists 8,080 churches with a total membership of 1,951,820 in the two countries, an increase of 21,060 members and 18 churches over the preceding year's figures.

States having the highest Christian Church membership include: Indiana, 210,405 in 705 churches; Missouri, 171,916 in 785 churches; Illinois, 162,009 in 629 churches; Ohio, 161,264 in 514 churches; Kentucky, 136,275 in 706 churches; Texas, 134,346 in 550 churches; Oklahoma, 106,243 in 347 churches; Kansas, 106,198 in 345 churches; and Iowa, 85,664 in 319 churches.

Claiming to be the largest Protestant communion to have its origin in America, the Disciples of Christ grew from a frontier beginning in the early 1800's to a world membership of at least a million at the end of the 19th century. (The *Year Book* says 1,060,307 in 1897). World membership, still heaviest in the United States, is set at 2,244,039 in 1957.

Sunday school enrollment last year in Christian Churches was 1,285,877, the *Year Book* shows. Enrollment the year before was 1,278,651.

Baptisms added 60,005 members to Christian Churches last year; 65,515 joined local congregations by transfer from other churches.

Anti-Merger Group Moves Toward New "Free" Church

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. —(RNS)— Initial steps in what could be the formation of a new denomination of "free" Congregational Christian churches were taken here by the executive committee of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

At its winter meeting, the comittee set up a national commission for the recruitment and training of ministers. The association represents Congregationalists who oppose the union of their denomination with the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Both groups merged last June to form the United Church of Christ.

A twelve-member commission to aid congregations opposed to the merger also was set up by the committee. This commission will work through the Missionary Society of Congregational Christian Churches, an independent agency formed two years ago by the Committee for the Continuation of Congregational Christian Churches.

Rev. Harry R. Butman of Los Angeles, Calif., chaiman of the NACCC said his group was "no longer fighting the merger issue. "We are determined that the Congregational way will continue as the Pilgrims began it at Plymouth," he declared.

Ernest S. Crosby of Buffalo, N. Y., former chairman of the association, was asked whether it aimed at forming a new denomination. "We are an association, functioning within the fellowship on a national basis," he replied. "Churches that belong to this group also belong to other local associations of Congregational Christian churches."

James C. Ingebretsen of Los Angeles was named temporary chairman of the ministry commission. Mr. Butman is temporary chairman of a commission on publications. Temporary chairmen were also named for two other commissions. Mrs. Paul A. Quaintance of Los Angeles, heads a commission on women's work, and Rev. Robert M. Frehse of Detroit, one on religious education and youth.

Lutheran World Action 1957 Receipts $3,400,401

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(RNS)— Lutheran World Action, the annual financial appeal conducted by the National Lutheran Council over the past 19 years to support an international program of emergency activities, reached both its regular and special goals in 1957, with receipts totaling $3,400,401.

LWA's regular goal was set at $3,250,000 last year and an extra $150,000 was asked to provide funds for distribution of government surplus. This year's goal is $3,610,00; 1960's $3,900,000.

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LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY on the occasion of its Golden Anniversary launched a bitter attack on the evangelistic work of Billy Graham, the National Association of Evangelicals and evangelicals in general. This move may mark the beginning of a new cleavage in the ranks of the councils of churches.

● JAMES DeFOREST MURCH received the George Washington honor medal at the recent Freedom Foundation Convocation at Valley Forge for his article, "How High Shall We Build the Wall of Separation?" which appeared in the *Christian Herald*, Oct. 1957.

● FLORIDA EVANGELICALS are enjoying a series of rallies under the auspices of the National Association of Evangelicals. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor and Rev. Mahlon L. Macy are the featured speakers. The meetings began in Shenandoah Presbyterian Church, Miami, March 11 and will end in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Daytona Beach, March 16.

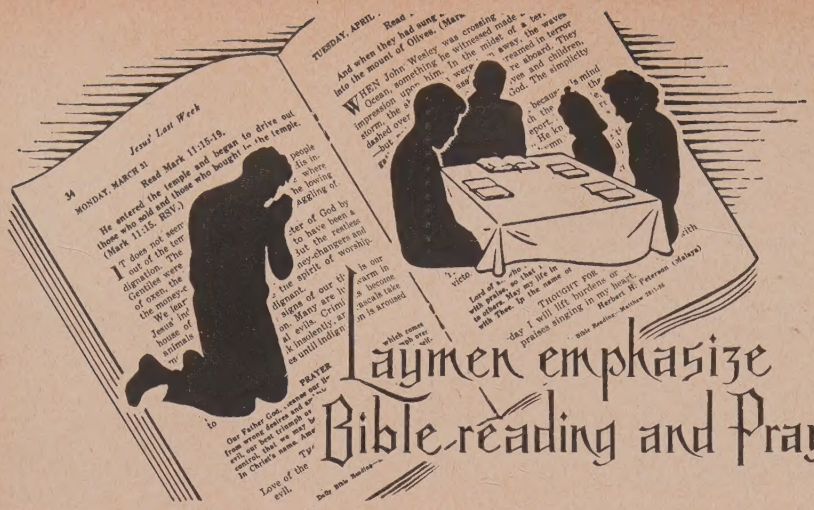
● THOMAS MOSELEY, president of Nyack Missionary College since 1940, has announced his early retirement. He will be succeeded by Dr. Harold W. Boone, vice president and academic dean of the college.

● CHARLES B. TEMPLETON (see page 5) has retired from the Christian ministry and will be associated with motion picture and television interests in Hollywood. He is at present on a world tour related to his new secular employment.

● UNITED PRESBYTERIAN, the 116-year-old weekly magazine of the United Presbyterian Church, will suspend publication on June 29 and will be swallowed up by *Presbyterian Life*, the official publication of the Presbyterian Church USA. The periodical is a casualty of the recent merger of the United Presbyterian and the Presbyterian USA churches.

● THE NEW YORK State Council of Churches is urging the State legislature to defeat a bill providing for posting the Ten Commandments in public schools. The liberal Protestant group said the measure violated the doctrine of Church-State separation. This is the same position taken by free thinkers and atheists concerning this legislation.

● SAMPLES OF ADS for obscene literature or pornographic art sent to teen-agers should be mailed by parents to their Congressmen to show them the need for stricter laws against obscenity. In issuing this request the Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications stated that more than 50,000,000 such ads are mailed annually.



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evangelism

Graham's Caribbean Crusade Wins 6,500

MEXICO CITY — Evangelist Billy Graham concluded on Sunday February 16 his month-long tour of the islands of the Caribbean and Central America. In the 28 days of the tour Mr. Graham and his Team traveled 6,000 miles, speaking in 21 cities of 17 countries.

The final meeting on Sunday night was a fitting climax to the entire tour. The Mexico Arena, virtually a replica of New York's famed Madison Square Garden, was filled to capacity one-half hour before the start of the meeting with 18,000 persons jammed inside; other thousands filled the streets outside the Arena disrupting auto and trolley traffic. Hastily erected loud speakers carried the message to the thousands who waited outside.

On Saturday night, the first meeting in Mexico City saw the Arena also filled to capacity. Both services marked a new day for evangelistic endeavor in Mexico. A veteran missionary of 47 years experience in Mexico City wept unashamedly and declared that in his memory no similar crowd had ever assembled for a Gospel service.

Thirteen hundred people responded to the invitation on Saturday night and were counselled in the Inquiry Room, and on Sunday night when it became necessary to conclude the invitation because every available space in the front and down the aisles was jammed, more than 1,800 registered decisions for Christ were counted, making a total of 3,100 for the two-day crusade in Mexico.

Speaking directly to 398,950 persons himself, Billy Graham's messages were augmented by those of his Associate Evangelists, who spoke to another 499,630 people with 6,494 recorded decisions for Christ. In the English-speaking communities Grady Wilson, Joe Blinco and Leighton Ford conducted preliminary campaigns which were an integral part of the entire tour and which lasted from five days to two weeks in each of the major cities visited. In the Spanish-speaking communities evangelists from the Latin America Mission were in charge.

Graham came to Mexico City from Guatemala City where more than 65,000 persons heard him preach at two rallies in Olympic Stadium. A total of 2,500 came forward to make "decisions for Christ."

In his second rally the American evangelist drew 40,000, the largest crowd ever to gather in the huge Guatemala stadium. The subject of Mr. Graham's sermon at this meeting was: "Is the World Coming to an End?"

Before coming to Guatemala, the evangelist addressed more than 7,000 at one rally in San Jose, Costa Rica, and about 32,000 at three meetings in Panama City.

Earlier he spoke (*Action*, February 15) before some 35,000 at two rallies in Trinidad; 60,000 at one meeting in Barbados; 75,000 at three gatherings in Puerto Rico; and 75,000 at two rallies in Jamaica.

Education

Baylor Proposes Chair Of Church-State Study

HOUSTON—(BP)—Plans to establish a Dawson Chair for the study of church-state relations at Baylor University were outlined in a meeting here.

President W. R. White of Baylor said the studies will investigate church-state relationships on federal, state and local levels. They will include also the biblical, historical, and constitutional basis for the separation of church and state.

Interpretation for our own times of the historic principle and the comparative study of Christianity and communism will likewise be included.

An endowment of $250,000 is needed. About $12,000 has already been donated.

The studies will honor Dr. J. M. Dawson, retired minister and author, and former director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

In this outline, White stressed three facets of the separation of church and state which he said are "paramount." They are:

1. Separation of conscience and force, where religion is not forced by law but freedom of will.

2. Separation of functions, whereby the state must protect a man in his religion without governing or regulating his religion.

3. Separation in method of support, whereby the church doesn't depend on the state for aid.

White declared that the problems are "extremely complex and difficult and need much study."

"Our people are committed to certain ideas, but even among Baptists, we are not all together in applications and ramifications," he said.

7,000,000 in Non-Public Schools Is Seen by 1965

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—If present trends continue, nearly seven million students will be enrolled in non-public elementary and secondary schools in the United States by 1965, the U. S. Office of Education predicted here.

The forecast, which said that one student in every seven will be receiving education in church-related or other private schools, is made in a 152-page report on "The State and Non-public Schools" published by the Office of Education of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The report, prepared by Fred F. Beach and Robert F. Will, specialists in state school administration, summarizes the legal framework under which the various states exercise supervision over the non-public schools. It is a sequence to their recent study, 'The State and Education," which summarized state laws regulating the public schools.

Although the new study of the non-public schools has not yet been released, a review of it appears in the February issue of *School Life*, the monthly bulletin of the U. S. Office of Education.

ASA to Issue Book On Darwin's Theory

WHEATON, Ill.—A new book on "Christianity and Evolution" composed of papers written by members of the American Scientific Affiliation will be published in 1959, the centennial year of the publishing of Darwin's theory of evolution. It will be edited by Dr. Russell Mixter, professor of biology at Wheaton College.

The American Scientific Affiliation is an organization of scientists who hold a conservative evangelical viewpoint. It seeks to foster an interest in the relationship between science and the Christian faith by means of its quarterly journal, local section meetings, national conventions and the publication of books. This organization has grown from a membership of 5 at its founding in 1941 to more than 700 at the present time.

Fifteen members of the ASA met for a special dinner during the recent Indianapolis convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Besides laying plans for the publication of their forthcoming book, ASA members sought ways of increasing the effectiveness of their witness among fellow scientists. It was hoped that the local sections might be increased from ten to twenty in the coming year.

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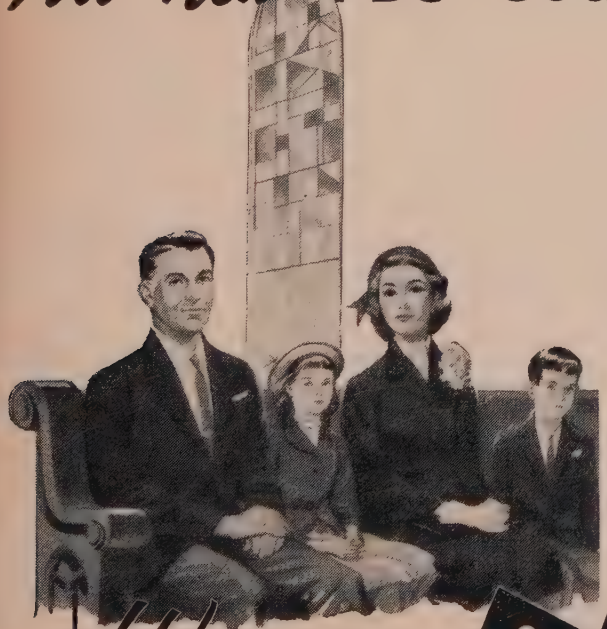

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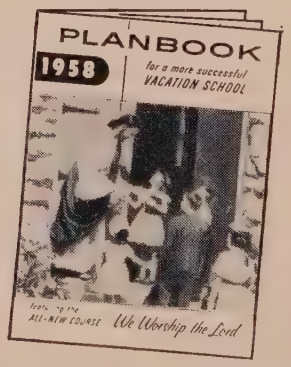

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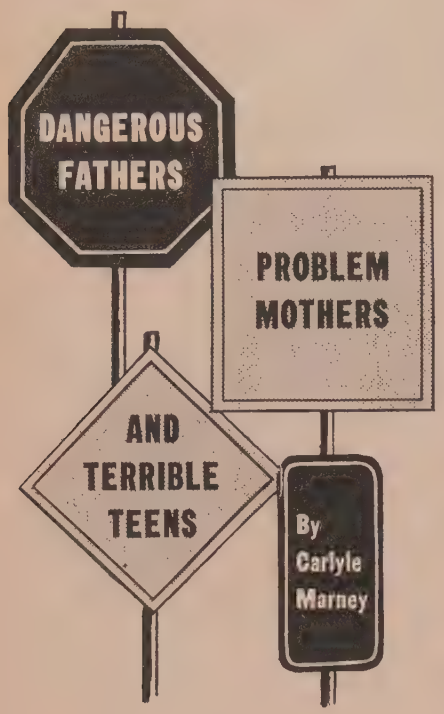

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Warns Against Loss of Evangelical Broadcasts

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A warning that Protestant evangelical groups may soon have as little freedom in the broadcasting field in this country as they do in Europe was sounded here by Rev. Ralph Freed of Greensboro, N. C., field director of the Voice of Tangier.

He addressed the 15th annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters (*Action,* March 1), an affiliate of the National Association of Evangelicals. More than 120 religious broadcasters of conservative churches attended the two-day sessions.

Mr. Freed said that some churchmen are concerned with the increasing number of American radio stations refusing to sell time to evangelistic groups.

"We may soon in this country be in the same position as Europe, being given only such fringe time as some government regulation will say is to be our share," he said. "We may have freedom of speech, but in America, as in Europe, our voice will be silent on radio and television."

The Voice of Tangier, a commercial station at Tangier, Morocco, is one of only three stations in the European area that sell time to Protestant groups for evangelical broadcasting, Mr. Freed said. The others are, he added, Radio Luxembourg in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and Radio Monte Carlo in the Principality of Monaco.

Otherwise, all radio broadcasting time in Europe is controlled by governments or government-sponsored corporations, Mr. Freed said, and the allocation of time to Protestant evangelical groups is very limited or nonexistent.

Citing the program format of a large European station, Mr. Freed said that conservative Protestant groups are permitted two 15-minute periods a day, except Sunday.

"We are permitted to open the station in the morning and close it in the evening," he said. "I suppose we ought to consider this an honor, but it is a terrible time to reach the majority of the population of that area. They are either going to work or asleep in bed, and that's why we are assigned those hours."

Mr. Freed reported that the Voice of Tangier airs 145 religious broadcasts in 27 languages, carrying the Lutheran Hour in 17 different translations. The Hour is sponsored by the Lutheran Laymen's League, an affiliate of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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Christian Endeavor Thrives "Down Under"

COLUMBUS, Ohio—An outstanding National Christian Endeavor convention in Adelaide, Australia with 10,000 present, visits with Christian Endeavorers in New Zealand, and an hour with Queen Salote of Tonga were among experiences of Dr. Daniel A. Poling of New York City, president

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Following the Australian Convention Dr. Poling visited with Christian Endeavorers in New Zealand. It was here that he enjoyed an hour with Queen Salote of Tonga. The Queen was spending her holiday in Tonga's Government House in Auckland.

"She talked about Christian Endeavor with complete knowledge of our movement, principles and history," stated Dr. Poling. "Six feet two inches in height, fifty-eight years of age, and having ruled her people for forty years, this woman is noble in all her proportions," he continued. "She cabled me greetings from the Tonga Christian Endeavor Union and signed as Christian Endeavor President as well as Queen."

The Tonga National Christian Endeavor "roll call" in May of each year has an attendance of more than 1,000 —this out of a total population of 50,000. But nearly all of these 50,000 are Christian Endeavorers—Junior, Intermediate, Young People's Society, and Senior.

WORLD-WIDE

45,000 Christian Arabs in Israel

JERUSALEM —(RNS)— Christian Arabs in Israel number 45,000 of whom 30,000 live in towns and the rest in villages, according to the latest government figures made public here.

The Moslem population totals 147,000, of whom all but 24,000 live in villages. Scattered in villages throughout the country are also 21,000 Druzes, members of a comparatively small Moslem sect.

There are over 160 Christian churches, more than 100 mosques and 19 Druze shrines in Israel, the statistics said.

Atheistic Propaganda Grows in E. Germany

BERLIN — (RNS) — A stepped-up anti-religion propaganda program in East Germany was announced to Wolfgand Enders, a leader of the Socialist Unity (Communist) Party in Karl Marx City (formerly Chemitz), Saxony.

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It was stated that the Society for Spreading Scientific Knowledge would furnish lecturers, propagandists and scientists for the propaganda drive. The society is the central Communist organization responsible for anti-religion campaigns in the Soviet Zone.

Hungarian Communists Renew War on Religion

BUDAPEST—(RNS)—A leader of the Hungarian Workers (Communist) Party served notice here that the party has no intention of relaxing its ideological war on religion.

Karoly Kiss, secretary of the party's central committee, said the government has pledged itself to a policy of "full religious freedom."

However, he noted, "some people in Hungary have been confused by Church-State agreements into thinking that the Communists have given up their ideological struggle."

"This confusion must be cleared up immediately," he said. "The struggle must continue."

Mr. Kiss' remarks were contained in a long lecture broadcast by the Budapest Radio.

He made the reference to religious freedom after warning that anti-Semitism is being revived in Hungary and must be "combatted."

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J. Robert Ashcroft, national secretary of the educational department of the Assemblies of God, has been chosen president of the Central Bible Institute and Evangel College at Springfield, Mo. The administrative program of the two schools will be coordinated beginning next September.

Gilbert Darlington, treasurer of the American Bible Society since 1920, will retire from that post as soon as a successor is chosen and qualified. He will continue as chief investment officer.

O. Joe Olson has been appointed first full-time information specialist for the Church of the Nazarene. Now a Nazarene pastor, Mr. Olson formerly was a newspaper man in Kansas City and Columbus, Ohio.

Paul S. James, director of Southern Baptist activities in New York City, Wesley G. Huber, executive secretary of the Evangelistic Association of New England and a group of PBI professors will furnish the program for the 20th Annual Pastors' and Christian Service Conference at Providence Bible Institute, April 7-10.

O. E. Sanden was sponsored by the Havelock-Lincoln (Neb.) Evangelical Ministers Association recently in a series of lectures on science and religion. Dr. Sanden is planning a tour of South America soon.

V. Alex Bills, of the Christian Radio Mission, broke ground recently at Kwang An Dong for a new Christian radio broadcasting station. The cen-

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A. Franklin Broman, dean of men and faculty member of Moody Bible Institute, was named "Alumnus of the Year," during the recent 52nd Founder's Week conference in Chicago. Dr. Robert A. Cook was elected president of the 30,000-member Moody Alumni Association for the next two years.

Clate A. Risley, general secretary of the National S. S. Association, addressed rallies and conferences in Great Falls. Mont., Yakima, Wash., and Bend, Ore., recently.

Jack Wyrtzen, director of Word of Life Fellowship, addressed the annual Founder's Banquet of Dallas Theological Seminary in the Adolphus Hotel, February 28.

Billy Graham was speaker at the student convocations March 3 and 4 at Vassar College and will speak March 23 and 24 at Princeton University.

William Ward Ayer conducted a preaching mission in Pella, Iowa recently with five Reformed churches and the First Baptist Church cooperating. Splendid results were noted.

T. J. Bach of The Evangelical Alliance Mission and Tommie Titcombe of the Sudan Interior Mission were featured in the eleventh annual missionary conference at Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn., recently.

W. Harry Jellema, professor of philosophy at Calvin College, delivered the Payton Lectures at Fuller Theological Seminary this year. His general theme was, "Faith and Reason in Philosophy."

Frank R. Birch, foreign secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, left February 8 for a five-weeks visit to Sierra Leone, West Africa. Accompanied by Mrs. Birch, he will inspect the mission's schools and medical institutions in that area. The schedule includes also visits with government and church officials.

Henry G. Hawkins, missionary to South Africa, has been appointed associate secretary of the South Africa General Mission.

William T. Snyder is the new executive secretary of the Mennonite Central Committee. He succeeds Orie C. Miller, whose assistant he has been for many years.

Byron S. Lamson, general missionary secretary of the Free Methodist Church, left New York City on February 19 for an around-the-world trip. Primary purpose of the journey will be to visit Free Methodist missionary work in India, Japan, Formosa and the Philippine Islands. On March 9 Dr. Lamson was the baccalaureate speaker at the commencement exercises of the Union Biblical Seminary in Yeotmal, India.

Robert C. Cochrane, American Leprosy Missions technical-director, has been traveling in Africa this fall and winter. This month he is conferring with officials regarding a research project at Oichi, Africa Inland Mission Hospital in the Belgian Congo.

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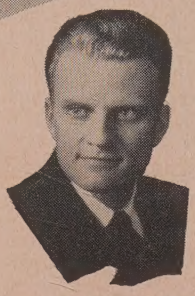

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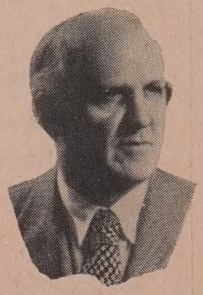

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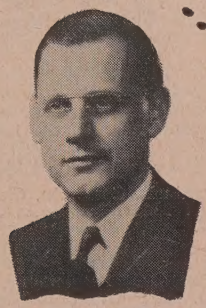

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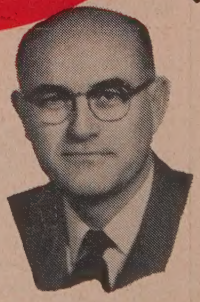

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